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FOLLOWING REPEAT LOURENCO MARQUES 903 ACTION SECSTATE
BLANTYRE DAR ES SALAAM GABORONE LISBON LONDON LUSAKA
MBABANE PRETORIA USUN CINCLANT CINCEUR AUG 20.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LOURENCO MARQUES 903

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR,MZ, US

SUBJECT: US - MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 899

1. CODEL CLARK WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY SHARFUDIN KHAN,
FORMER FRELIMO UN REPRESENTATIVE, AND WHISKED OFF TO APPOINT-
MENT WITH FONMIN CHISSANO. I HAD ALREADY BRIEFED SENATOR CLARK
ON PEREMPTORY LETTER WE HAD RECEIVED THIS MORNING(REFTEL) AND
REQUESTED HE ATTEMPT SEEK CLARIFICATION.

2. AFTER MEETING, SHARFUDIN KHAN ESCORTED CODEL CLARK TO
ROOMS AND CAME BACK TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY
LETTER WITH US. HE SAID LETTER HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY AUGUST 12
LETTER FROM CONSUL GENERAL WALKER ADVISING HE WAS DEPARTING --
A LETTER WHICH SUGGESTED WE STILL HAD OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION
IN MOZAMBIQUE. HE SAID REPLY WAS SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH FRELIMO
HAD SENT TO OTHER CONSULATES LONG AGO AND THAT IT THEREFORE
WAS NOT DISCRIMINATORY. HE SAID LETTER WAS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE
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RATHER THAN REPRESENTING ANY UNFAVORABLE GPRM POLICY TOWARD US.

HE SAID REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER HAD BEEN SENT AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE WHEN WE TOLD HIM WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH REPLY. WHEN ASKED WHETHER LETTER MEANT THAT ALL REMAINING OFFICIAL AMERICANS WERE BEING REQUESTED TO LEAVE, KHAN STATED THAT ON CONTRARY WE WERE ALL WELCOME.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH CODEL CLARK, WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WERE RECEIVED VERY WARMLY BY CHISSANO AND EXPECT TO SEE PRESIDENT MACHEL TOMORROW. THEY CORROBORATED FEELING OF WARMTH CONVEYED BY KHAN AND STATED CHISSANO HAS REQUESTED THEIR ADVISE ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US. HE APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO MACHEL AND APPEARED TO DESIRE NO BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF RELATIONS WITH US. ON MATTER OF WITHDRAWAL OF US "CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES" FROM MOZAMBIQUE, CODEL CLARK WAS NOT SURE WHETHER CHISSANO BELIEVED DEPARTURE OF CONSUL GENERAL WALKER WAS SUFFICIENT OR WHETHER WITHDRAWAL OF SOME OTHER, BUT DEFINITELY NOT ALL, US PERSONNEL FROM MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE DEMANDED. CODEL CLARK WAS ASSURED THAT GPRM LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO OUR AUGUST 12 LETTER AND THAT OUR AUGUST 18 LETTER ON MILAM CASE STILL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. CODEL CLARK HOPES TO CLARIFY INTENT OF GPRM LETTER IN MEETINGS WITH GPRM TOMORROW.

4. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND DELAYING ANY RESPONSE TO GPRM FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER UNTIL AFTER CODEL CLARK MEETINGS TOMORROW WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL AND OTHER GPRM OFFICIALS. BY THEN, NATURE OF RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S WILL HOPEFULLY BECOME APPARENT. DESPITE GPRM'S CLAIM TO CONTRARY, BOTH CODEL CLARK AND WE AGREE THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LETTER UNDOUBTEDLY PROMPTED BY OUR LETTER ON MILAM CASE, WHICH THEY NOW WISH TO IGNORE, RATHER THAN BY FAREWELL LETTER FROM CONSUL GENERAL WALKER. CLAIM THAT OTHER CONSULATES HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS FROM FRELIMO OR GPRM RINGS UNTRUE (SHARFUDIN KHAN IS NOTORIOUSLY UNRELIABLE SOURCE). ONLY LETTER OF THAT NATURE THAT WE HAVE KNOW THAT WE AND OTHER CONSULATES HAVE RECEIVED WAS FROM PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE. REED UNQUOTE MAW

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